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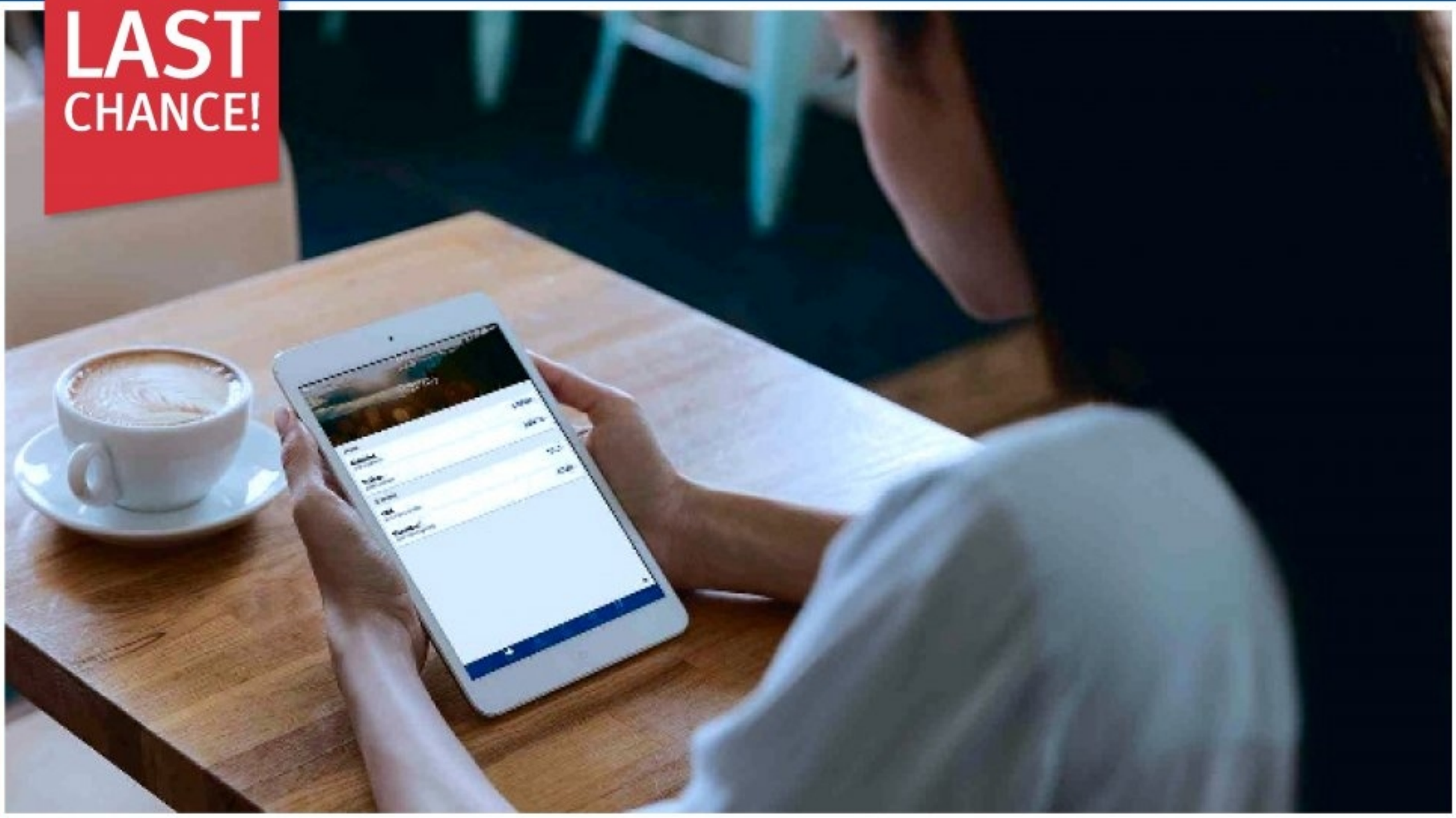

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Scorpion stings sleeping Vancouver woman

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A Vancouver woman is in disbelief after a scorpion stung her while she was sleeping Thursday morning.

Rachel Fox says a two-inch-long scorpion inflicted sharp intense pain before her roommate killed it with a frying pan.

"There was a part of my brain that was like, 'That was really scary,' and the other part was like, 'That was totally hilarious,'" said Rachel Fox, who lives in an apartment in Coal Harbour.

"Some people get to win the lottery and have something really awesome happen; I get this weird random thing."

Fox, the program manager at Rio Theatre, woke up with what she describes as "abrupt pain" on her left hand and right arm Thursday. "It was a really, really sharp, very strong pain. On a scale of zero to 10 it was a 10."

After Fox got home from the hospital a couple of hours later, she and her roommate decided to hunt for the scorpion. Their weapons of choice were a broom, a can of Raid and a frying pan.

Fox said her roommate started spraying Raid in the scorpion's direction, but that only caused the arachnid to scuttle toward her, stinger raised.

Then her roommate whacked it with the frying pan several times until the scorpion lay dead.

Scorpions are relatively rare in B.C. and are native to only a small part of the province — the Okanagan, according to Adrian Walton, lead veterinarian at Dewdney Animal Hospital.

"The more likely situation is ... it came in some tropical fruits and vegetables," he said.

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‘We have rights and a voice’

FIRST NATIONS

Advocates team up with poet to protest BC Hydro dam

David P. Ball
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In the Peace River Valley of northern B.C., Dunne za Indigenous drummers show their thanks for participants in the annual Paddle for the Peace event last summer. Two Treaty 8 bands in the valley are heading to court Sept. 12 to try to stop the $9-billion Site C dam. COURTESY PEACE VALLEY ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

A poet’s role in society is to “speak truth to power,” said celebrated Vancouver poet Rita Wong.

That’s why the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize-winning author is helping organize a “Poets for the Peace” event in Vancouver Sunday in support of a cross-Canada caravan by Site C hydro dam opponents.

She was inspired to use poetry for the cause after traveling to the Peace River Valley this summer for an annual paddling protest — on the area set to be flooded by the $9-billion BC Hydro mega-project, which the B.C. government promises will create thousands of jobs and enough electricity to power 450,000 homes.

“For those of us in Vancouver, the Peace River might seem far away,” Wong told Metro, saying that the river’s two existing dams have already caused too much damage. “We owe something to the Peace River residents who have already sacrificed too much of their land for us.”

This summer, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s government granted the proposed dam federal environmental permits, despite the objections of Treaty 8 member First Nations in the area who are fighting a federal court challenge against the project.

Chief Roland Willson, of West Moberly First Nation, is heading to court in Montreal on Sept. 12 — alongside fellow Treaty 8 band Prophet River First Nation — in hopes of revoking federal permits. They’re arguing the feds didn’t adequately consult First Nations affected, and that the impacts on Indigenous peoples can’t be justified by the benefits.

He told Metro the federal fisheries and oceans minister held a single meeting with them, just days before the permit approvals on July 28.

“The Peace River already has two existing dams on it,” Willson said in a phone interview. “We’re still suffering the impacts of those. They’ve taken up over 80 per cent of the valley; what’s left, Site C is going to destroy half of that.

“It’s the only functional valley we have left that’s intact as a river ecosystem, where we gather medicines, fish, hunt, and carry on a way of life promised under the treaty.”

Yvonne Tupper, a Saulteau First Nations member living in Chetwynd, B.C. is in Vancouver for Sunday’s poetry event, and is coordinating the caravan to Montreal in support of the Treaty 8 First Nations behind the court case.

“Canada is not honouring the treaties,” she said. “We’re going to lose large swatches of our traditional land. When we look back, we’ll say, what the heck, why?

“Treaty 8 people matter — we have rights and a voice.”

The caravan, as well as a new online fundraising campaign hosted by Leadnow, are part of a “grassroots movement” to support both First Nations and landowners’ fight to stop the dam, Willson said.

The Poets for the Peace event starts at 6 p.m. Sunday at Cafe Deux Soleils in Vancouver (2096 Commercial Dr.) and is by donation.

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What is killing B.C.'s salmon?

WILDLIFE

Scientists say they are closer to finding out the answer

Spawning sockeye salmon are seen making their way up the Adams River near Chase on Oct. 14, 2014. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

As this year's Fraser River sockeye run plummets to record lows, scientists say they are getting closer to being able to say why British Columbia's salmon populations are struggling to survive.

"What is the actual mechanism that's killing them?" said Brian Riddell, CEO of the Pacific Salmon Foundation. "If you ever wanted to restore production, you have to have an idea of what you're going to tackle."

This year an abysmally low 853,000 sockeye salmon returned to the Fraser River, lower than the projected 2.2 million.

Riddell and other scientists have been working on two projects that are slowly revealing the answer to the fishy whodunit: a tracking project that maps where and how salmon migrate, and another that uses genomics (sequencing and analysis of DNA) to determine whether salmon are more susceptible to disease.

Kristi Miller, a scientist with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, decided to concentrate on disease after earlier results pointed to pathogens as an important factor threatening the survival of salmon. She said it's not yet clear whether farmed fish are passing diseases to wild fish, but hopes an upcoming data analysis later this year will help to answer that question.

"Which pathogens and diseases do we have to be paying attention to, and where might they come from because if you knew where they come from — is it freshwater, is it farms?" Miller said. "Then you have some avenue to potentially mitigate."

One thing Miller did discover through her research is the presence of a heart and muscle inflammatory disease present on one fish farm, a disease that is common on European fish farms but had not been found on the West Coast before.

The tracking research, in which fish are implanted with tiny batteries that allow scientists to map where they go, shows that the Strait of Georgia, Johnstone Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca are where many of the fish die.

That's also where many fish farms are located. But Riddell agreed that it's "too early to tell" whether fish farms are affecting wild fish populations.

That research shows that only around 10 to 15 per cent of the tracked fish are surviving by the time they migrate to the top of Queen Charlotte Sound.

"It's not just a matter of one thing killing them," said Riddell.

"It's definitely related to the availability of food and the timing of availability of food in the Georgia Strait."

Climate change is likely one of those factors: this year's returning salmon spent their life in the Pacific Ocean at the same time that the "blob" — a mass of unusually warm water — was present (it's since broken up). Freshwater temperatures have also been rising.

"Disease could become a bigger issue because you have poor environmental conditions," Miller said.

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Woman suddenly stateless

SQUAMISH

Obscure rule revoked citizenship on 28th birthday

Bertha Funk received a nasty surprise on her 28th birthday: She lost her citizenship.

"It felt like somebody just kicked me in the stomach. It was a complete shock," said Funk, who has lived in Canada almost her entire life after moving here from Mexico with her family in 1980 when she was two months old.

The Squamish woman is now virtually stateless after being caught in a citizenship snafu that has affected an unknown number of other "lost Canadians."

Unbeknown to Funk, Canada changed its Citizenship Act in 1977, requiring those born outside the country to a foreign-born Canadian parent — between Feb. 15, 1977 and April 16, 1981 — to reapply for citizenship before their 28th birthday.

Funk, now 36, didn't find out about this requirement until years after she'd unknowingly been stripped of her citizenship. In fact, she didn't even learn she was stateless until earlier this year when she called the immigration department to inquire about a replacement citizenship card she'd applied for when she misplaced the original months before.

"How was it even remotely possible what had happened to me?" asked Funk, who is still reeling over her lost citizenship — and desperately fighting to get it back.

"Canada is the only home I know, but it's saying to me that I don't belong here any more. It's a devastating feeling," she said.

Bertha Funk was born to Canadian parents and has lived in Canada since she was two months old. She learned, too late, that an obscure law had resulted in the revocation of her citizenship when she turned 28. COURTESY BYRIDIE (BERTHA) FUNK

The obscure provision in the Citizenship Act that caused Funk so much grief was repealed in 2009. Its intent was to limit citizenship by descent to one generation born outside Canada.

A spokesperson for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada told Torstar News Service an attempt was made to contact those affected, where possible.

"As we do not have data on the number of individuals who might have been impacted, we were unable to advise people systematically (about the changes)," said spokesperson Lindsay Wemp.

"When possible, IRCC did inform people … that they would have to take steps to retain their Canadian citizenship prior to their 28th birthday by way of a written notice to the client included with their citizenship certificate," Wemp added.

> **Canada is the only home I know, but it's saying to me that I don't belong here any more. It's a devastating feeling.** Bertha Funk

Funk's father, who was born in Mexico to Canadian parents, returned to Canada with his family of seven and settled in Manitoba in 1980. However, only Bertha was affected by the citizenship regulation because of her date of birth.

She lived in Winnipeg and later moved to Surrey for school, living a normal life, working as a counsellor, paying taxes and travelling with her Canadian passport — until now.

Funk said she received a letter from immigration officials in April offering two options: to apply to become a permanent resident as an immigrant or to apply for a "discretionary" grant of citizenship, designed to alleviate cases of special and unusual hardship or to reward services of an exceptional value.

However, she noted the letter said the latter "is a long and formal process that requires many levels of approval. Grants under this subsection are only used in very exceptional cases."

To be considered, Funk would need to provide documentation including lease agreements, expired and valid passports, school transcripts, pay slips, dentists' and doctors' contact information and any relevant documents to establish her continuous residence in Canada.

"There is no guarantee I would have my status back by applying for permanent residency or citizenship grant. It's all at the discretion of the officials," said Funk.

According to the government, only "a very small number of people" were affected by the clause, and officials have received only 330 applications to date for a grant of citizenship — probably because many people don't even know they have lost their citizenship.

"I have lived in Canada all my life," said Funk, who has made a personal appeal to Immigration Minister John McCallum to restore her citizenship. This is completely ridiculous and unjust." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OR ELSE...

The Citizenship Act was changed in 1977 to require those born outside Canada to a foreign-born Canadian parent to reapply for citizenship before their 28th birthday if they were born between Feb. 15, 1977 and April 16, 1981.

The purpose of the change was to limit Canadian citizenship by descent for families who had left Canada.

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Hector Díaz, a student from Chihuahua state in Mexico, had his English classes cancelled due to a protracted labour dispute. The school has now closed for good. DAVID P. BALL/METRO FILE

School closes after month-long strike

LANGUAGE

Students left in lurch when classes were suspended

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver English-language school that had been shuttered for four weeks because of a teachers' strike has now closed for good, Metro has learned.

"The school is closed and we do not expect it to reopen," reads a sign posted on the door of the Vancouver English Centre.

"We apologize for any problems that this might cause. Unfortunately, this was our only course of action."

Many of the students have travelled to Vancouver from Mexico to take the classes.

Earlier this week, several of them told Metro of their concerns with missing classes after paying thousands of dollars in tuition fees and travel costs.

Hector Diaz said he had paid for his $6,000 tuition by selling his car and was only one month into his six-month program when the strike started. He wanted a refund.

> **Our cash flow dried up as soon as the strike started.**
> Ken Gardner

"Our cash flow dried up as soon as the strike started," explained school president Ken Gardner in an email Sunday. "Our current students went to other schools, or returned to their home countries. Applications for admission were no longer coming in.

"Closure was our only option, since we were insolvent."

The teachers, members of Education and Training Employees' Association, went on strike on Aug. 2 after negotiations with their employer broke down.

According to Kim Fissel, president of the VEC union local, the main issues of dispute were over what she alleged are hours of unpaid preparatory work required of teachers every week, and what she said are $25,000 median incomes for teachers.

FIRE DAMAGE

Carleton will not reopen in September

Carleton Elementary students will not be returning to their school in September following a four-alarm fire on Aug. 19 that damaged the historic building.

Students will instead be relocated to Cunningham Elementary, Vancouver School Board trustee Mike Lombardi announced Friday. Cunningham is located about 10 blocks away from Carleton.

"Trustees share the disappointment and sadness of the community," said Lombardi. But he said the school board had to make the decision that would be least disruptive for students, and there was no way Carleton would have been ready to open for the school year.

Carleton is one of 12 schools that has been identified by the VSB for possible closure in order to meet a budget shortfall.

Before making any plans about the long-term future of Carleton, the VSB needs to wait for a decision from the provincial Ministry of Education, Lombardi said. The province acts as the insurer for government-owned buildings, and is the only body that can approve funds to repair or rebuild the school.

Parents of Carleton students had hoped an unused, smaller wooden schoolhouse that is located beside the brick school could have been used instead. But Lombardi said that building is too small to house all the students, and is lacking basic services like heat.

The Collingwood neighbourhood faces losing three of their schools: Carleton Elementary, Graham Bruce Elementary and Gladstone Secondary are all on the VSB's preliminary list.

JEN ST. DENIS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Changes coming to Translink's texting service

People have been checking when the next bus will come by texting the bus stop number to 3333, Translink's Next Bus SMS Service, for almost a decade but that service is now changing slightly.

Transit users now need to tack on the specific bus route they are looking for onto that text. WANYEE LI/METRO

Man in serious condition after targeted shooting

A man is in hospital following what police say was a targeted shooting in East Vancouver Friday night.

Police say the man was taken to hospital in serious condition but he is expected to survive.

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Municipalities want part of marijuana tax revenue

Federal legislation to legalize marijuana hasn't even been unveiled yet but three municipalities in B.C. are already arguing they deserve a piece of any tax revenue.

Nelson Mayor Deb Kozak says determining how to regulate and monitor the technically illicit businesses has required considerable city and police resources.

Her community, Duncan and Prince George put forward resolutions to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities asking that tax sharing with municipalities be considered by the federal task force investigating the legalization of pot.

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‘We need housing’

MILITARY

Feds’ plan for homeless vets calls for shift in benefit program

Veterans Affairs officials are ready to recommend that the federal government give rental subsidies to veterans who are homeless or nearly so in order to combat what they describe as an unacceptable situation in Canada.

A draft of the new federal strategy also recommends the government build new affordable housing units specifically for veterans, suggesting Canada doesn’t have enough units to handle the unique needs of former military members who can have addiction and mental-health issues related to their service.

“We’ve got a mandate for the care, treatment and re-establishment to civilian life of veterans in general, and clearly somebody who is homeless is not successfully re-established in civilian society,” said Tim Kerr, director of the veterans priority programs secretariat at Veterans Affairs Canada.

The recommendations would mark a shift in benefits programs that leave no room to provide things like housing subsidies that have been successful in the U.S. at keeping veterans off the street.

Benefits only flow to Canadian veterans who show a link between their military service and their injury or disease, a difficult task for a veteran who becomes homeless a decade after his or her service, said Jim Lowther, president of Veterans Emergency Transition Services (VETS) Canada, a volunteer-based group that has helped about 1,200 veterans off the streets in the last six years.

“We need housing in every province, designated housing for vets. We need transition homes in every province to help them get back on their feet,” Lowther said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CALGARY WANTS PANDA SNUGGLES, TOO

From one self-declared lover of baby panda snuggles to another. Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi has written to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asking for Ottawa’s help in defraying the cost of housing the critters at Calgary’s zoo in two years. “As a fellow lover of cute cuddly panda cubs, and having observed with envy your recent opportunity to hold Jia Panpan and Jia Yueyue in Toronto during their naming ceremony, I trust you can understand my own desire to embrace these pandas with open arms here in Calgary,” Nenshi wrote to Trudeau.

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BUDGET

Mental-health advocates push for larger share

Canada trails the pack when it comes to mental-health funding among comparable nations — but advocates say a promise from the federal government to improve services means the time is ripe to push for change.

“Access to care is abysmal in most places throughout the country and of course that’s linked … not only, but very much to funding,” said Louise Bradley, executive director of the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

Bradley’s organization and others, such as the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), have been calling for the mental health share of health spending in the provinces and territories to increase by two percentage points over the next decade — from a national average of seven per cent to nine.

Canada’s funding levels rank near the bottom among a list of OECD countries.

Bradley says she’s cautiously optimistic about the upcoming round of discussions on a new health funding agreement between Ottawa and the provinces — but even that modest increase would leave Canada behind countries such as New Zealand, Australia and the U.K., where funding levels range from 10 to 14 per cent.

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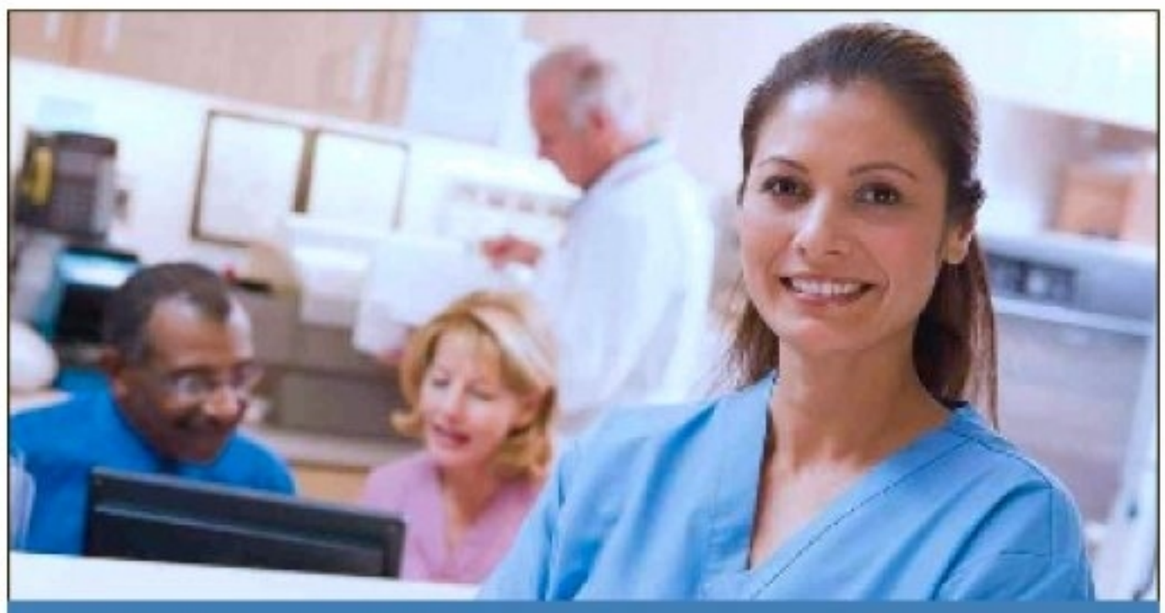

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Burkini debate sets tone for elections

FRANCE

Ban on Muslim swimwear has drawn global condemnation

The national identity crisis exposed by France's burkini controversy is threatening to set the tone for the country's presidential campaign.

The relationship between France's Muslims and non-Muslims has been a recurring theme as presidential hopefuls kick off campaigning for the April-May election.

A top French court ruling Friday against banning the burkini didn't put an end to the debate. Some mayors are refusing to rescind their bans, arguing that the head-to-ankle swimwear could disrupt public order after a summer marred by extremist attacks. The burkini bans by some French coastal towns drew international condemnation after images circulated online of police appearing to require a Muslim woman to disrobe.

A woman wearing a Burkini joins a protest outside the French Embassy in London on Thursday, during a "wear-what-you-want beach party" to protest against the ban. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Former President Nicolas Sarkozy and some other conservative candidates want a national law banning burkinis. Sarkozy's chief rival for the conservative nomination, former Prime Minister Alain Juppe, suggested putting limits on how far religious practices can reach into public life, calling for a special accord between the state and Muslim leaders to lay out clear rules for respecting French secularism.

"It is legitimate to ask them to have a knowledge of the principles of the organization of the republican state," he said.

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ITALY EARTHQUAKE

Officials vow to probe negligence, mob ties

Italian authorities are vowing to investigate whether negligence or fraud in adhering to building codes played a role in the high death toll in last week's earthquake in Italy.

They also called for efforts to ensure organized crime doesn't infiltrate lucrative construction contracts to eventually rebuild much of the picturesque towns levelled in the disaster.

Meanwhile, rescue workers pressed on with the task of recovering bodies from the rubble, with hopes of finding any more survivors virtually vanished four days after the powerful quake.

Firefighters retrieve a bell from the village of Rio, central Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Over the past two days, they found six more bodies in the rubble of Hotel Roma in Amatrice.

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LOUISIANA FLOODS

Hopes high for recovery

In 23 years of coaching football, Dru Nettles never had to deliver a pep talk like this.

Most of his players and coaches on Denham Springs High School's football team lost homes when floodwaters ravaged their city in suburban Baton Rouge. Their battered school remains closed, but the team has a season-opening home game to play in two weeks.

The promise of Friday night football is tonic for a city at the epicenter of the catastrophe. Even the most modest signs of recovery are lifting weary spirits in Denham Springs, where flooding damaged an estimated 90 per cent of homes and businesses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rhetoric meets reality in Mexico

IMMIGRATION

Trump's border wall idea scorns facts, human deaths: Experts

An American border guard steps out of his vehicle onto a dusty desert road, seeking to chat with the strangers he sees milling about the mesquite bushes a few metres from Mexico.

His team catches a dozen migrants crossing here illegally each day, he says. The conversation turns to Donald Trump.

He's asked whether Trump's proposed border wall would halt the flow of migrants crossing through California's Yuha Desert. He doubts it. There's already a wall across almost one-third of the border — people still get over.

"You'd need to get rid of all the ladders in Mexico," he says.

Trump is now wrestling with difficult realities for his immigration plan. Some are political. Some involve practical questions: Does Trump plan to cut off U.S. access to the Rio Grande?

A wall already covers part of the border; the rest is mostly river. Does he actually intend to deport 11 million people in the U.S. illegally? If so, what's the plan to prevent the collapse of industries that rely on migrant labour? And, if not, does that mean breaking his pledge against granting legal amnesty?

A sombre monument nearby belies the idea of simple solutions here.

A cemetery of unmarked graves is filled with people who perished crossing the border.

Enrique Morones leads a group praying in the cemetery. They're volunteers with his organization Border Angels, which deposits jugs of water in the desert to keep people from dehydrating or roasting to death in the sun.

"When we say, 'I'm dying of thirst,' it's just an expression. For them it's real," says Morones, who used to work in marketing for baseball's San Diego Padres before turning to full-time work as an activist and public speaker.

"Every summer there's more deaths because of that wall than in the entire history of the Berlin Wall."

> **He represents the worst of the American spirit.**
> Enrique Morones

Trump's immigration plan, meanwhile, is in flux. Where he once promised to deport all illegal migrants, he now says he would force them out — then allow an unspecified number back in, require them to pay back taxes, and grant legal status.

"I don't want anything to do with him," he said of Trump. "He represents the worst of the American spirit, and in my eyes he's not welcome here."

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A group of people say a prayer in Holtville, Ca., on May 31 in a cemetery filled with unmarked graves of migrants who died in the desert trying to cross into the United States from Mexico.
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MIGRANT INFLUX

Merkel rejects ban on Muslims

German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday slammed those countries in Europe who say they won't take in Muslim refugees, a position that several eastern European governments have taken in response to the influx of migrants from the Islamic world.

Merkel said she was hopeful that European Union members would reach an agreement on outstanding questions arising from the migrant crisis, one of which is how to fairly distribute asylum-seekers among all the bloc's 28 member states.

Chancellor Angela Merkel
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

She told German public broadcaster ARD that "everybody has to do their bit" and didn't rule out the possibility of letting some countries take in fewer migrants if they contribute more financially instead.

But she reiterated her stance that blocking refugees based on their religion was misguided.

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INNOVATION

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Ooka Island is a rapidly growing learn-to-read software startup with roots planted in the red soil of Prince Edward Island.

But when the Charlottetown-based company planned to get serious about bringing its product to market, it needed to expand to an urban centre close to venture capitalists, a pool of skilled labour and a broader customer base.

"Once you get to the product validation stage it is hard to be on an island far away," said Kelly Shaw, CEO of Ooka Island.

Ooka Island moved into a co-sharing space at Toronto's MaRS innovation nearly two years ago. Its neighbours include other startups, advisers and investors and tech giants such as Facebook, Etsy and Airbnb.

"It's like planned serendipity — it's like these introductions and moments of connections happen and sometimes they're unexpected and sometimes they're planned," Shaw said. Once upon a time, the need for such an ecosystem might have required a move south to Silicon Valley. But now the stretch of Highway 401 that connects Toronto with Kitchener-Waterloo has many hallmarks similar to that other famous tech corridor along California's Highway 101.

The Canadian government wants to spark a transition from resources toward resourcefulness and is embarking on an "innovation agenda."

Details are sparse, though it did pledge in the March budget to invest up to $800 million over four years to "strengthen innovation networks and clusters" across the country. The incubators and accelerators will be tailored to the region — clean tech in Montreal and Vancouver, or agriculture in Alberta. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CANADA POST

Postal strike still looms

The threat of possible job action by Canada Post workers has been placed on hold for 24 hours.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers made the announcement in a statement issued late Sunday night.

"We've amended our notice in a last-ditch effort to reach a negotiated agreement before we are forced to start working to rule," said CUPW national president Mike Palecek.

The union served 72-hour strike notice Thursday night, accusing Canada Post of forcing a labour disruption by refusing to bargain in good faith.

It said that if there was no deal by midnight Sunday, it would begin job action on Monday by having its members refuse to work overtime on a rotating basis, starting in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

The two sides have been deadlocked for months on the issues of pay scales for rural letter carriers and proposed changes to pensions for future employees.

A federally appointed mediator was brought in Friday, and Canada Post spokesman Jon Hamilton said Sunday night that the Crown corporation had agreed to extend the talks for 24 hours at the mediator's request.

However, there was still no clear indication by either side about whether they were making progress at the bargaining table. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ECONOMY

Mussel shortage for New England's fishing industry

The Gulf of Maine's once strong population of wild blue mussels is disappearing, scientists say.

A study from the University of California at Irvine found the numbers along the gulf coastline have declined by more than 60 per cent. Blue mussels are worth millions to the economy of New England. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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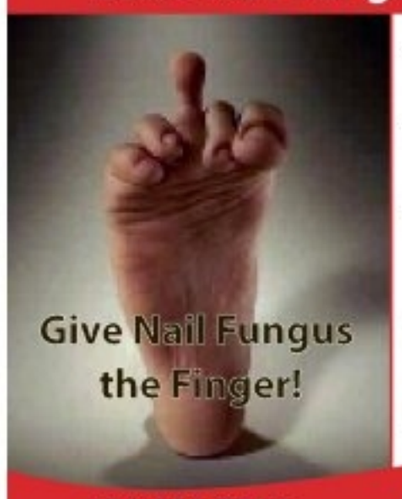

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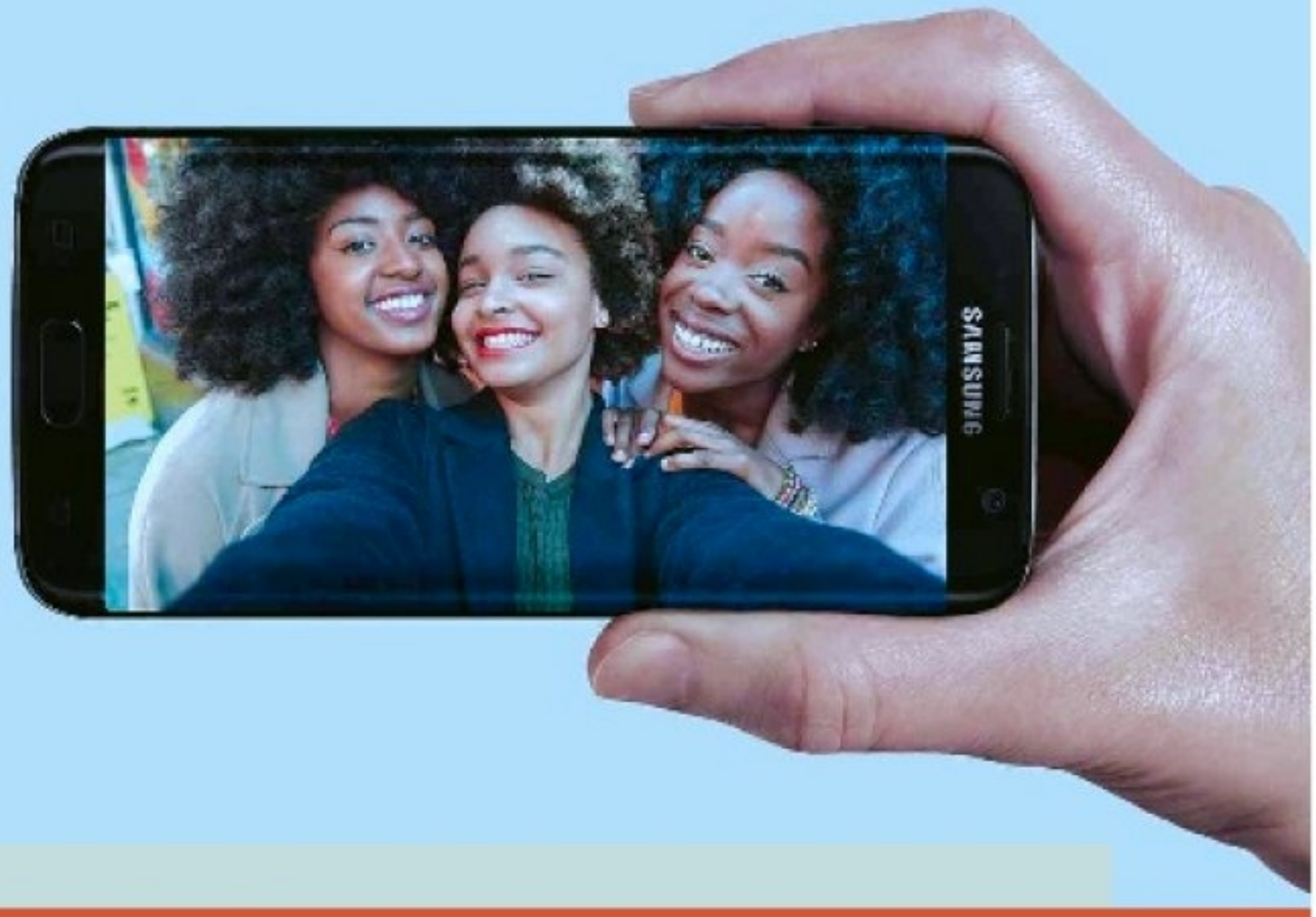

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION
Can men wear sandals? I mean other than Jesus.

Dear Ellen,
Can men wear sandals? I mean other than Jesus.

JL

Dear JL,

Before we begin with this intensely interesting and relevant question, may I address your use of the word "can"? It means, roughly, "able to." Obviously, any man "can" wear sandals. The question is, "should" a man wear sandals?

As with so many matters of etiquette, the answer is "it depends."

Is the man alone on a beach? Then yes, the man should wear sandals if he wants, and in fact wear nothing but his sandals, if that is his desire. What we do in private is subject to no laws of etiquette or even common decency. Privacy is our right, as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others. This is why Edward Snowden deserves a full pardon, if not a medal for service to his fellow Americans.

Is the man amongst other people on the beach? No problemo. Sandals on a beach are appropriate. Does the man have grotesque, horny Hobbit feet that will scare small children? Sorry, kids, avert your gaze if you must. But those feet have the same rights as yours to sun, sand and surf.

Is the man wearing the sandals in the workplace? If the dress code allows it, and as long as women or others are allowed to brandish their tootsies, then there's no way we can forbid the male of the species from peacocking his own peds. Some of us might have the old-fashioned idea that sandals on men are never a good look without sun, sand and surf to blind us to the full effect of their naked feet. But that's a prejudice that has no place in modern, non-sexist etiquette.

You might think that a contagious foot disease would be a good reason to forbid sandals, and yes, it's only polite to cover any suppurating sores.

Is the man wearing the sandals in a fancy restaurant? I must say, this is where I am tempted to draw the line. Every snobbish bone in my body recoils at this idea, as I think that anyone with poor enough judgment to wear sandals to a nice resto could hardly be trusted to have had a recent pedicure. But, in good conscience, I must allow it if the restaurant does.

You might think that a contagious foot disease would be a good reason to forbid sandals, and yes, it's only polite to cover any suppurating sores that are spreading infection. (Incidentally, since you brought up Jesus, allow me to point out that a person with the unsightly symptoms of leprosy is entitled to wear sandals, since the disease is transmitted by nose and mouth.)

Finally, is the man wearing the sandals with a wetsuit on a beach in France, where he might be mistaken for a Muslim woman who doesn't want to expose her hair or skin to UV rays or fellow beach bums? Then I would say he has every right to wear the sandals, and the wetsuit. But I would caution him that he must be prepared to deal with shameless demagogues who at this very moment are hypocritically using "respect for women" to justify Islamophobic, racist and misogynistic persecution of "burkini"-wearing women, even though the highest court in the country has told them they're wrong.

Sadly, I fear that old leper-loving, sandal-wearing Jewish prophet Jesus Christ himself would be in danger from these so-called Christians. Whether you believe in God or not, the fact is JC the man walked the walk when it came to loving his fellow humans, and judging not lest he be judged. And, to his peril, he wasn't afraid to stand up to bigots and hypocrites.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
When it comes to personality, 'A' is the only type to be

I am Type A, and I am also not. Type A doesn't actually mean anything.

Or rather, it means no one thing, and also many things. It is an entirely useless and incredibly useful term.

If you are so inclined — if you're so Type A as to feel the need to define yourself — you can claim Type A by pointing to various needs: to control, to find success, to reach a target, to complete a task.

If you are not so inclined — if you prefer to imagine yourself as whimsical or easygoing or accommodating or chill — you can claim anything-but-Type-A. Or everything-but-Type-A. "What are the other types?" you wonder. Everyone has forgotten. Whatever they were, the others never made the cultural impact that Type A has made. Probably thanks to Type A people.

A recent article by Melissa Dahl for New York Magazine's Science of Us blog argues that there's no single definition of Type A. It is, per a source she quotes, "bulls—t."

But that's not to say it's inexplicable. It turns out that Type A can be traced to, of all things, tobacco corporations. Their idea was to fund research that asked whether your personality, as opposed to smokes, could be what's killing you via heart disease. As Dahl found, the question had merit: "The research narrowed in on two components within the original conception of Type A — anger and hostility — which have indeed been shown to be linked to a higher risk of heart disease."

This is, no doubt, why Type A has endured. The research didn't work exactly as intended by Philip Morris and co., but it did give controlling folks everywhere a nice cosy umbrella to stand under, a place to call home.

I may balk at the idea that anger and hostility are in my nature (surely they don't define me), but Type A has been a helpful phrase in my life.

As a teen, it helped me understand why no one else got so mad about littering, and why I could not go to school in unmatching socks. It gave me a rationalization when I felt like being outspoken. I wasn't "bossy" (though of course I also was); I was Type A.

I still sometimes wish I could be more chill like all you other folks. But the feeling passes.

You might go with the flow, but I'm Type A. And as bulls—t as that is, we get s—t done.

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All that stuff nobody wants

MINIMALIST MILLENIALS

Young adults don't want to inherit family's heirlooms

Liz Brown
Metro | Canada

For years, Juliana Weberman has been dodging the household heirlooms and castoffs her parents try to gift her.

There are La-Z-Boys, various kitchen supplies and a table that belonged to her grandparents — all things her mom and dad want to pass on to her and her brother. But Weberman isn't interested in inheriting them.

"My parents' house is twice the size of mine," says Weberman, 35, who lives in a three-bedroom home in Brantford, Ont. with her six-month-old daughter and husband.

"Where would I put all that stuff?"

With high housing costs, smaller families and a later start into domestic life, millennials are shunning some of the material trappings that were their markers of success for their baby boomer parents.

It's a trend Veronica Harding has noticed in her 25 years working in estate sales. As owner of The Great Estate Sale in Toronto, Harding says she's seen a shift towards this minimalism in the younger generation.

It's particularly difficult to unload what Harding calls 'dust collectors': the Royal Doulton figurines; the china sets; the silverware that baby boomers consider family heirlooms.

"Twenty years ago, kids took this stuff from their parents. Now they don't want it. You have to clean it, you have to polish silver; china is nice but you can't put it in the dishwasher and who has time for that in today's society?"

"And if you look at the housing situation, most young people can't afford a big house. They're living in condos and apartments so a lot of the furniture won't even fit."

David Colletto, CEO at Abacus Data, has spearheaded market research into the behaviours and tastes of millennials. He doesn't think his generation is any less materialistic than their parents — rather, as a generation, they value different, more intangible things.

Research conducted by Edelman and StrategyOne asked people aged 16-22 what they would give up out of a list of items (including cosmetics, their car, passport, smartphone and sense of smell).

Over half (53 per cent) said they would give up their sense of smell if they could keep their smartphone.

According to Colletto, this priority on connectivity through social media is what drives the millennial consumer.

"For millennials, we're not looking to express our accomplishments through nice dishes or a nice car.

"Going to cool places, being able to experience amazing things and sharing them on social media is the equivalent of those things," he says.

That's not to say millennials don't appreciate some family treasures. Weberman has kept her grandmother's wedding band and Colletto has a hat of his grandfather's.

"It comes down to sentimentality," says Weberman, who would rather have small, meaningful items than large pieces of furniture or knick knacks.

"We'd rather take a few trips every year than have big mortgage payments on a bigger house to store all that stuff."

Juliana Weberman says she does have the room to take on all the things passed on to her from her parents. PATRICK WEBERMAN

DISABILITY INSURANCE

Preparation is the best policy

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

One of the biggest myths about disability is that it won't happen to you.

Or maybe you think, "I'm covered at work. That's good enough." Since work-related plans seldom have the kind of coverage available on individual disability insurance policies, you could be in for a shock.

Imagine being diagnosed with a progressively debilitating disease. Imagine the relief of knowing that, while you have to stop working, you have a group disability plan that will help to make ends meet.

Imagine your disbelief when your claim is declined by the insurance company because you just aren't "disabled" enough.

Want to avoid a nasty surprise when you can least afford it? Take these questions to your benefits administrator at work and make sure you understand the answers you get:

What's the policy's definition of disabled and how long will benefits be paid? If you can't do the job you were hired to do, will you be paid regardless of what other work you may be able to find? A weak definition of disabled can be one of the biggest holes in a plan. If your policy has an "any occupation" clause, which is typical of most group plans, the only way you'll collect is if you're unable to do any work at all. If the insurance company deems you could be a parking lot attendant, it won't pay.

How much are you covered for and how will it be taxed? Most group policies cover employees for a certain percentage of their salaries — typically 60 to 75 per cent.

Some also have a cumulative maximum. If you pay tax on your premiums, you won't pay tax on your benefits, and vice versa.

Does my policy have a residual disability feature? Without it, years may pass before your claim can begin because you must meet the insurance company's definition of "totally disabled."

Typical exclusions include travel outside Canada, pre-existing conditions, and alcoholism. The list can be wide and varied. Buying disability insurance can be complicated, so get help from a qualified insurance broker. And do it before you're 30 or you'll pay through the teeth!

For more money advice, visit Gail's website gailvazoxlade.com

QUICK QUIZ

If you're over 30 years old, what's the likelihood that you'll have a long-term disability — lasting more than 90 days — at some point in your life?
1 in 10
1 in 5
1 in 3

The answer: 1 in 3.

How long would you likely remain on disability?
6 months
14 months
28 months
32 months
The answer: 32 months.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Love and youth are timeless

THE MOVIE: XOXO (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The insider cameo

DJ-wannabe Ethan Shaw (Graham Phillips, The Good Wife) is mixing an electronic dance music (EDM) track labeled "Mom — vocal" in his bedroom when he gets an IM: His YouTube single is racking up views. In the background, his mother calls out, "Sweetie, how many hits do we have?"

"We just passed a million," Ethan replies. He heads for the kitchen. His mother's at the table. "Are there any more comments about me?" she asks.

"Everyone's loving your voice, Mom. Seriously," he replies.

This made-for-Netflix film quickly leaves Mom in her kitchen and never looks back, as Ethan and fellow 20-somethings head off for a magical night at XOXO, the biggest EDM rave in America.

Ethan gets his break as a DJ and Krystal (Sarah Hyland, Modern Family) finds love, against a backdrop of neon makeup, Ecstasy and Skrillex.

Look again at Mom, though: She's Ione Skye, best known as the girl John Cusack woos by holding a boom box over his head in Say Anything, the 1989 teen love story from music fan/writer/director Cameron Crowe, which culminates in one of the great high-school parties of cinema.

Skye's presence in XOXO is what I call a Reverential Cameo — a cinematic Easter egg for aficionados. It draws a line from that film to this, hoping to establish XOXO's bona fides through its references. In '89 a love song was "In Your Eyes;" now it's Diplo. But the filmmakers threw in that glimpse of Skye to remind those who notice that love and youth are timeless.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Sarah Hyland plays Krystal in EDM movie XOXO. CONTRIBUTED

Justice Smith plays Ezekiel Figuero in Baz Luhrmann's Netflix series The Get Down. CONTRIBUTED

The dawn of Justice Smith

PROFILE

Lead man in The Get Down is praised for breakout role

At Justice Smith's audition for The Get Down, Baz Luhrmann's ambitious Netflix series chronicling the birth of hip hop in 1979 New York, he performed Juicy by the late Notorious B.I.G. "You know very well/who you are," he sang. "Don't let 'em hold you down/reach for the stars."

At just 21 (his birthday was Aug. 9, meaning Juicy dropped exactly one year before he was born), the breakout star of the richly drawn series seems to indeed know very well who he is.

"I was always taught to be emotional and expressive," he says over the phone from New York, where he is still in production on the final two episodes of the first season (the first six, dubbed Part One, are streaming now on Netflix). By contrast, his lavishly named character, Ezekiel "Zeke" Figuero, tries to hide his poetic heart. "He's expressive, but there's added pressure that he succumbs to about what it means to be a man," Smith says in his first print interview.

The long-gestating series (Luhrmann has been developing the project since 2006) follows Smith through his coming-of-age in the creatively vibrant, fiercely violent street culture of the South Bronx, a conflux of influences that would give rise to hip hop (the show also provides a deep dive into disco's reign).

> **I was always around music. Even if I wasn't actively studying it, I was absorbing it.**
> Justice Smith on life at home

Though Smith grew up in a family of musicians, he always saw himself as the least likely to achieve musical stardom. "My parents are both singers and my sister's a singer as well," he says. "I was the only actor." Yet this musical upbringing has served him well on The Get Down, in which he raps and dances with his crew the Get Down Brothers. "I would hear them singing or practising," he says of his family.

"I was always around music. Even if I wasn't actively studying it, I was absorbing it. It was just a matter of accessing it."

Though hip hop rules much of American Top 40, Smith isn't necessarily a fan: his tastes lean more toward jazz and folk than rap. "I listened to a whole bunch of hip hop from every decade," he says of his Get Down prep.

As part of a Get Down boot camp, Smith was also given a reading list. One book that stuck with him was Down These Mean Streets, Piri Thomas's memoir of growing up in the street scene of Spanish Harlem.

"He talks about growing up in the ghetto and when you are walking down the street you have to have cara palo, which means stone face," he says. "It's not manly to show any emotion, because emotion is weakness.

"That was something that I tried to apply to Zeke, having a stone face, but also this deep well of emotion inside of him."

The shoot was by all accounts demanding, with Variety reporting it as "among the most expensive shows in history" with an extravagant $10-million budget per episode. Though the sprawling series' lack of focus can be confusing, critics have praised Smith's performance.

Better yet, so have the fans.

It shows how well-matched Smith was with executive producer Luhrmann's heart-on-your-sleeve style. Smith's own journey might be only just beginning, but half the fun of The Get Down is discovering the young talent as he takes those soulful first steps. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Jutanugarn the juggernaut

CANADIAN OPEN

No. 2-ranked player earns her 5th victory of the season

Ariya Jutanugarn rebounded from disappointment at the Olympic Games to win the LPGA's Canadian Open on Sunday.

Knee pain forced the 20-year-old from Thailand to withdraw during the third round of the women's golf tournament in Rio, where women's golf made its Olympic debut.

Jutanugarn was the leader after the opening round there.

She almost pulled out of this week's Canadian Pacific Women's Open in Priddis but was glad she didn't.

"My knee hurt so bad last week, but when I got here on Monday and Tuesday, it was getting a lot better," Jutanugarn said Sunday after collecting a winner's cheque of $337,500.

"I think my tee shots were pretty good all week and my irons are getting a lot better in the last week or so."

Jutanugarn's fifth victory in just her second year on the tour is the most by any LPGA player this season.

Leading by two shots heading into the final round at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club, she posted seven birdies and just one bogey en route to a 6-under 66 in cool, cloudy conditions.

She finished four shots clear of runner-up Sei Young Kim of South Korea on the 6,622-yard Raven course. Three-time winner Lydia Ko of New Zealand tied for seventh at 13-under.

Ariya Jutanugarn carded a final round of 6-under 66 to win by four strokes. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jutanugarn received a champagne shower from playing partners Kim and countrywoman In Gee Chun after sinking a birdie putt on No. 18.

"I felt like I wanted to have fun and be happy on the course," Jutanugarn said. "I feel really happy with myself right now. No matter what's going to happen, I feel like I can handle it."

> **I felt like I had things under control for four rounds this week, and it's been a while since that's happened.**
> Alena Sharp, top Canadian

Three Canadians finished in the top 15 for the first time in the history of the tournament. Alena Sharp of Hamilton closed out with gallery-pleasing, back-to-back birdies for a career-best fourth.

The 35-year-old shot 5-under on the final day to finish seven shots back of Jutanugarn.

"I can't really describe how great it feels to play this well in Canada because I have not played well at the Canadian Open in recent years," Sharp said.

Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., and Maude-Aimee Leblanc of Sherbrooke, Que., tied for 14th at 11-under for the tournament. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PGA

Reed completes weekend checklist

Patrick Reed had a crystal trophy, a clear shot at the richest payoff in golf and a spot on the Ryder Cup team.

All he could offer Rickie Fowler was best wishes to join him at Hazeltine.

Reed picked up two victories Sunday at The Barclays. He rallied from an early two-shot deficit to win the FedEx Cup playoff opener and assure himself a clear shot at the $10-million bonus. He also secured a spot on the U.S. team at Hazeltine that will try to win back the Ryder Cup.

Patrick Reed
GETTY IMAGES

"Everyone's been talking about the Ryder Cup, been talking about, 'Oh, you're in the eighth spot and you're on the bubble' and all that," Reed said after his one-shot victory. "If you go and win, it takes care of everything else.

"It takes care of everything."

Fowler needed only to finish alone in third place but while two shots behind Reed with four holes to play — and two shots clear of third place — Fowler missed a four-foot par putt on the 15th hole and made double bogey on the next hole. His late meltdown sent him to a 74, a tie for seventh and kept him off the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

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Citizens hold off Hammers

PREMIER LEAGUE

Man City keeps perfect start intact vs. cagey Londoners

Manchester City kept pace with likely title rivals Manchester United and Chelsea by beating West Ham 3-1 on Sunday for a third straight victory in the early stages of the English Premier League season.

However, what started as a lesson in pass-and-move, attacking football by City under new coach Pep Guardiola turned into a nervy finish at Etihad Stadium.

Raheem Sterling and Fernandinho scored in the opening 18 minutes for City, which carved West Ham open at will in a dominant first-half display that showed Guardiola's influence is already rubbing off on his players.

Injury-hit West Ham improved in the second half and Michail Antonio's 58th-minute header made City work for its win, which was sealed by another goal by Sterling in injury time when he rounded the goalkeeper and scored from a narrow angle.

At least one perfect record will go when United plays City at Old Trafford in the first round of games after the international break.

It's early days, but it could well be a shootout for the title between the three teams already at the top of the standings. City currently is ahead of United and Chelsea on goal difference — and Guardiola said there's plenty more to come.

"Of course, there is still room for improvement," Guardiola said, "but we have been playing well and hopefully we can continue doing that.

"We have to make an amazing performance to win at Old Trafford. I can imagine the atmosphere. I am looking forward to live that experience."

Also Sunday, Middlesbrough maintained its unbeaten start by drawing 0-0 at West Bromwich Albion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Man. City	3	3-0-0	9
Chelsea	3	3-0-0	9
Man. United	3	3-0-0	9
Everton	3	2-1-0	7
Hull City	3	2-0-1	6
Middlesbrough	3	1-2-0	5
Tottenham	3	1-2-0	5
Arsenal	3	1-1-1	4
Leicester	3	1-1-1	4
West Brom.	3	1-1-1	4
Liverpool	3	1-1-1	4
West Ham	3	1-0-2	3
Burnley	3	1-0-2	3
Swansea	3	1-0-2	3
S'hampton	3	0-2-1	2
Sunderland	3	0-1-2	1
Crys. Palace	3	0-1-2	1
Watford	3	0-1-2	1
Bournemouth	3	0-1-2	1
Stoke City	3	0-1-2	1

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Raheem Sterling evades West Ham United goalkeeper Adrian en route to his game-sealing second goal in Manchester City's 3-1 win. OLI SCARFF/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

MLS

Timbers bring their A game vs. Sounders

The Portland Timbers scored four goals in the first half, then held off Cascadia rival Seattle 4-2 on Sunday, snapping the Sounders' five-game unbeaten streak.

Vytautas Andriuskevicius, Fanendo Adi, Lucas Melano and Steven Taylor scored for the defending MLS Cup champion Timbers (9-10-8).

Portland remained in sixth place in the Western Conference while 9-13-4 Seattle sit eighth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fanendo Adi
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IN BRIEF

Osweiler excels in Texans' win over Cardinals

Brock Osweiler threw for 146 yards and a touchdown and Houston intercepted two of Carson Palmer's passes in the Texans' 34-24 exhibition victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

Osweiler led the Texans to scores on three of his four drives. He hit Will Fuller on a 26-yard TD pass that extended Houston's lead to 24-10 before sitting down with about three minutes left in the first half.

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Little League World Series ends well for Endwellers

Ryan Harlost led Endwell, N.Y., to the Little League World Series title, striking out eight and limiting South Korea to five hits in six innings in a 2-1 victory Sunday in South Williamsport, Pa.

Endwell became the first United States winner since Huntington Beach, Calif., in 2011, and gave New York its first championship since way back in 1964.

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FORMULA ONE

Rosberg steers clear of chaos in Belgium

Nico Rosberg won an incident-packed Belgian Grand Prix featuring a chaotic start, wild overtaking, a heavy crash, safety cars and a red flag.

The Mercedes driver's win on Sunday in Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium, saw him close the gap to nine points on teammate Lewis Hamilton, who finished third behind Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo as the resurgent Australian driver secured a third straight podium finish.

"It's been a great weekend, very, very happy with that result," Rosberg said after his 20th career win. "Congrats to Lewis, last place to third must be pretty impressive."

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Nico Rosberg
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RECIPE Orecchiette with Turkey and Broccoli

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This is the pasta recipe you didn't know you needed. It's made with a handful of ingredients and takes no time!

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients
- 1 lb (450 g) orecchiette
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp fennel seeds or fresh thyme
- 1/2 tsp crushed dried chilis (optional)
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 4 cups of broccoli florets, cut quite small
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Cook the pasta according to package instructions.

2. Warm olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, fennel seeds or thyme and chilis and cook three minutes. Add the turkey and cook for another five minutes, until the meat is browned and almost cooked through.

3. Carefully add broccoli to pasta two minutes before the pasta will be done. Drain pasta and broccoli and add them to the skillet.

4. Toss everything together well. Add stock and toss more. Season to taste. Serve with a healthy sprinkle of Parmesan on top.

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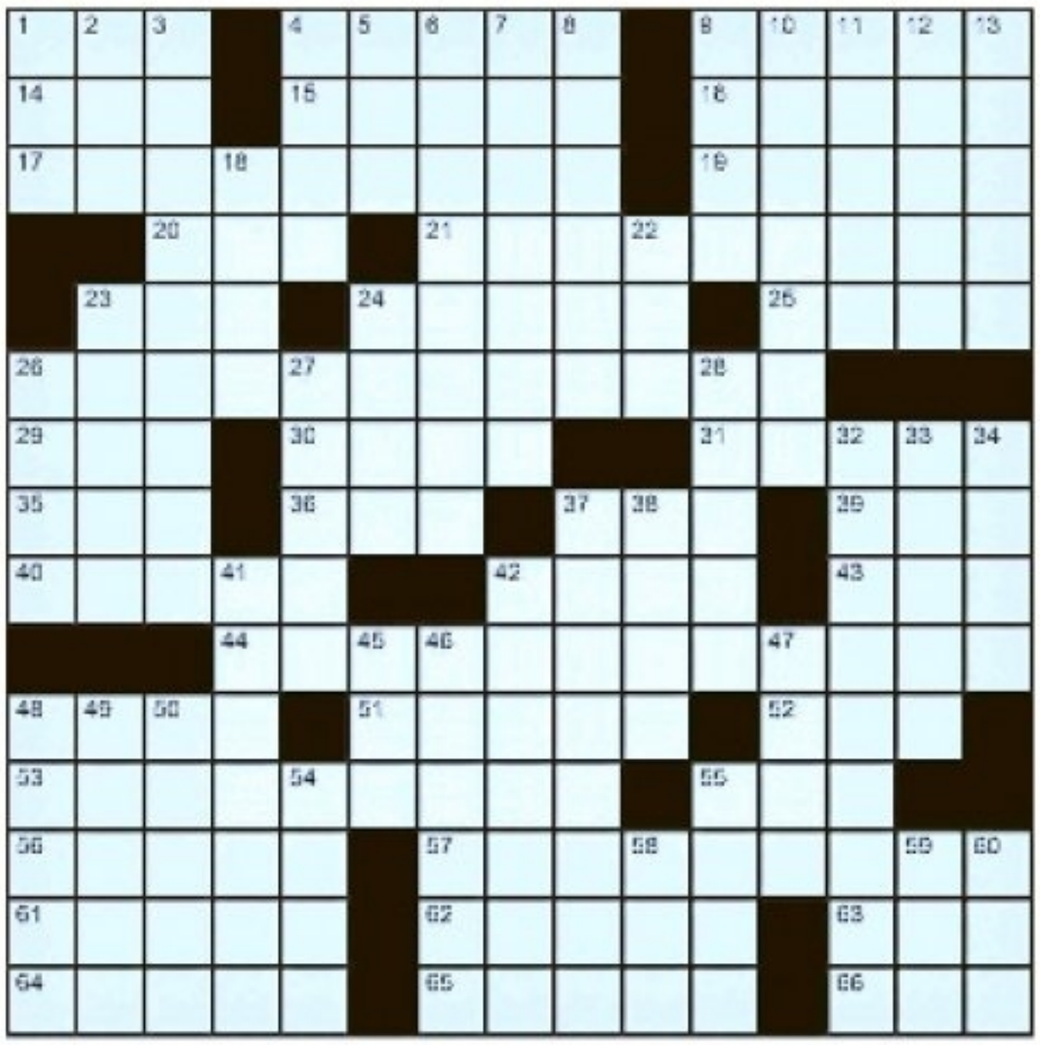

ACROSS
1. Since-1916 car co.
4. Does restaurant kitchen work
9. Percussion stick
14. Ooh and _
15. Get the plant a new container
16. Darth of Sci-Fi
17. _ hat (Topper for Abraham Lincoln)
19. French composer Jacques
20. Fleur-de-_
21. Abundance
23. Ms. Aniston, to pals
24. Hog not
25. Last loves
26. One of the 3 Chefs on Cityline: 2 wds.
29. Comic actress Ms. Gasteyer
30. Nature shelters
31. Additional
35. Mr. Blanc
36. Cold
37. Moo _ pork (Takeout dish)
39. 'I love', in Latin
40. Place
42. Summers: French
43. Wine region of Portugal
44. Shubenacadie Provincial _ _, in Nova Scotia
48. Entreaty
51. Modern English's "_ _ With You"
52. 'Dial' add-on
53. Use rope, pitons and carabiners: 2 wds.
55. Mr. Gershwin
56. Grace's surname on Will & Grace
57. American playwright: 2 wds.
61. Country songstress Ms. Carter
62. Loosen
63. Shoe width size
64. Fidgety
65. Mr. McQueen
66. Assn.

DOWN
1. _-relief
2. Tangle, as fur
3. Costco _ Canada Ltd.
4. CEO
5. Celebrity's agt.
6. Light bulb moment
7. Forest clique trees?
8. Directs
9. Gladiator's 107
10. Mouse's sci. undertaking: 2 wds.
11. Folie _ _ (Foolishness shared by two)
12. Mesa _ National Park, in Colorado
13. Belonging to a single-named Art Deco designer
18. Wine, in Italy
22. Modern
23. Chrissy's sitcom roommate
24. Li'l requirement
26. Rocks out in rehearsal
27. Canadian songstress, _ Onukwulu
28. Fruitless: 2 wds.
32. Appeared briefly, but memorably, in the movie: 3 wds.
33. Web store, say
34. Chess piece
37. Nova Scotia's provincial mineral
38. Bulk
41. Greets the morning
42. Component
45. Beatles: What Magill called herself
46. F Plus improvement, _ _
47. Ms. Gilpin
48. The Devil Wears _ (2006)
49. Shade of green
50. Plaudit
54. Blues guitarist Robert
55. "Makes sense now.": 2 wds.
58. Ms. Ullmann
59. Poet's 'above'
60. Positive opp

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to make long-range plans for the future regarding children, as well as plan for social activities. Relations with partners will improve in the next few weeks.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Family discussions will be practical today, which is why it's a good day to think about how to do something in the future. Line up financing and practical support.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with partners and close friends will be practical. Everyone is willing to work and postpone pleasure.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If shopping today, you will want to buy long-lasting, practical items, definitely on sale. All financial discussions will be serious and pertain to future security.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you today. Whatever the case, this is not a frivolous day — quite the opposite! You're concerned with how to get things done.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Research of any kind will go well today. Maintain your steady effort to discover answers and solutions to old problems, because you will make headway.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A serious discussion, perhaps with an older female, might benefit you today. At the very least, listen to what is offered, because later, you might need this information.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your interactions with someone in authority are strictly business today, which is why they want to know personal details about your private life. Do things according to the rules.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Discussions about philosophy, higher education, religion and politics will be serious today. However, they will be productive because people are looking for solutions.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a good day to get your ducks in a row regarding taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property. Whatever effort you make today will produce results.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be prepared to accommodate others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Benefits will come to you through your willing acceptance of your responsibilities to others.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It will please you to make things more practical and orderly today, because you want to be surrounded by organization. Commonsense solutions will please you.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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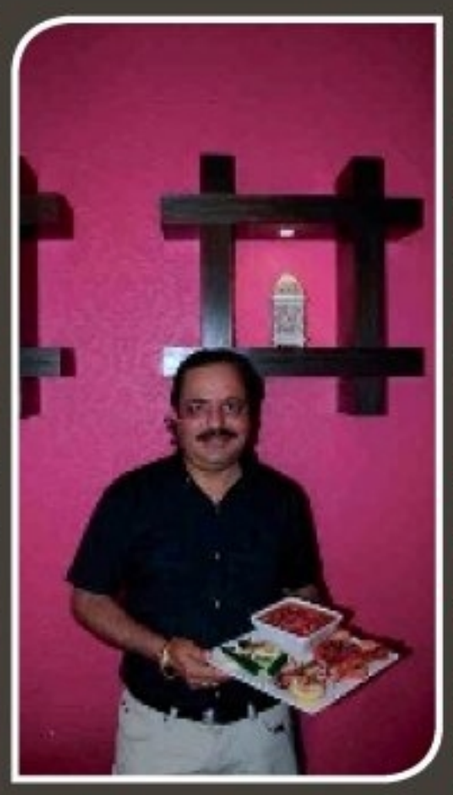

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